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SUBJECT: MAY 30 CABLE HIGHLIGHTS

FOLLOWING ARE CABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY 30, 1977.

1. LIBYAN DEMARCHE ON CONTINENTAL SHELF

LIBYA CHARGES THAT THE PRESENCE OF A US NAVAL UNIT IN THE AREA OF THE DISPUTED CONTINENTAL SHELF BETWEEN LIBYA AND TUNISIA "DANGEROUSLY COMPLICATES" THE SITUATION AND THREATENS GREAT POWER CONFRONTATION. THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTS THAT THE SHIP BE WITHDRAWN FOR THE "SAFETY OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED." (TRIPOLI 704, CONFIDENTIAL) (THE OPERATIONS CENTER HAS ASCERTAINED THAT THE NEAREST USNAVAL UNIT IS 125 NM FROM THE READING AND BATES DRILLING RIG.) CHRISTOPHER

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